

Amendments to the Claims

1. *(Currently Amended)* RF communication system for control of user devices via a wireless RF communication comprising:

- a user device ~~(6, 7, 11, 12, 13)~~ for reading user settings and/or commands from a passive data carrier ~~(3, 4, 5, 21, 22)~~ via a wireless RF communication including a controller ~~(64)~~ for controlling the user device ~~(6, 12)~~ according to read user settings and/or commands and a programming unit ~~(65)~~ for automatically programming said passive data carrier ~~(3, 4, 5, 21, 22)~~ via a wireless RF communication with actual user settings and/or commands of the user device ~~(6, 7, 11, 12, 13)~~, and
- a passive, via a wireless RF communication programmable and readable data carrier ~~(3, 4, 5, 21, 22)~~ including a memory ~~(31)~~ for storing user settings and/or commands.

2. *(Currently Amended)* RF communication system as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a programming device ~~(8)~~ having an input means ~~(83)~~ for inputting user settings and/or commands for explicitly programming said passive data carrier ~~(3, 4, 5, 21, 22)~~.

3. *(Currently Amended)* RF communication system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said passive data carrier ~~(3, 4, 5, 21, 22)~~ further comprises:

- a receiving means ~~(32)~~ for receiving RF signals,
- a processing means ~~(34)~~ for processing said received RF signals to obtain said user settings and/or commands embedded therein and/or for embedding stored user settings and/or commands into output RF signals or RF signal modulations of said received RF signals, and
- an output means ~~(33)~~ for outputting said output RF signals or RF signal modulations.

4. *(Currently Amended)* RF communication system as claimed in claim 3, wherein said passive data carrier ~~(3, 4, 5)~~ is a passive RFID tag.

5. *(Currently Amended)* RF communication system as claimed in claim 3,

wherein said passive data carrier ~~(3, 4, 5)~~ is integrated into a mobile user apparatus, in particular into a mobile phone, a transponder, a SmartCard or a PDA.

6. *(Currently Amended)* RF communication system as claimed in claim 3, wherein said user device ~~(6, 7, 11, 12, 13)~~ further comprises:

- an RF transmitter ~~(61)~~ for emitting RF signals,
- a detector ~~(62)~~ for detecting RF signals or RF signal modulations of emitted RF signals,
- a processor ~~(63)~~ for processing the detected RF signals or RF signal modulations and for deriving user settings and/or commands embedded therein.

7. *(Currently Amended)* RF communication system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said passive data carrier ~~(3, 4, 5, 21, 22)~~ is adapted for storing a number of different sets of user settings and/or commands for control of different types or selected user devices ~~(6, 7, 11, 12, 13)~~.

8. *(Currently Amended)* RF communication system as claimed in claim 6, wherein said user device ~~(6, 7, 11, 12, 13)~~ further comprises an identification means ~~(121)~~ for embedding identification information identifying said user device ~~(6, 7, 11, 12, 13)~~ and/or the type of said user device ~~(6, 7, 11, 12, 13)~~ into RF signals emitted by said RF transmitter ~~(61)~~.

9. *(Currently Amended)* RF communication system as claimed in claim 6, wherein said processing means ~~(34)~~ of said passive data carrier ~~(3, 4, 5, 21, 22)~~ further comprises:

- an identifier means ~~(221)~~ for processing said received RF signals to obtain identification information identifying said user device ~~(6, 7, 11, 12, 13)~~ and/or the type of said user device ~~(6, 7, 11, 12, 13)~~, and
- a selecting means ~~(222)~~ for selecting stored user settings and/or commands related to said type or said user device ~~(6, 7, 11, 12, 13)~~ to be embedded into said output RF signals or said RF signal modulations of said received RF signals by said processing means.

10. *(Currently Amended)* RF communication system as claimed in claim 1, comprising a plurality of passive data carriers ~~(3, 4, 5)~~ positioned at different locations for control of user devices ~~(6, 7)~~ present in respective control areas around said different locations according to stored user settings and/or commands.

11. *(Currently Amended)* RF communication system as claimed in claim 1, comprising a plurality of passive data carriers ~~(21, 22)~~ associated to different users for control of user devices ~~(11, 12, 13)~~ according to stored user settings and/or commands.

12. *(Original)* RF communication method for control of user devices via a wireless RF communication comprising the steps of:

- automatically programming a passive data carrier via a wireless RF communication with actual user settings and/or commands of a user device, said passive data carrier including a memory for storing said user settings and/or commands,
- reading user settings and/or commands from said passive data carrier via a wireless RF communication,
- controlling the user device according to read user settings and/or commands.

13. *(Currently Amended)* User device for use in a RF communication system as claimed in claim 1 for reading user settings and/or commands from a passive data carrier ~~(3, 4, 5, 21, 22)~~ via a wireless RF communication, comprising:

- an RF transmitter for emitting RF signals,
- a programming unit ~~(65)~~ for automatically programming said passive data carrier ~~(3, 4, 5, 21, 22)~~ via said RF signals with actual user settings and/or commands of the user device ~~(6, 7, 11, 12, 13)~~,
- a detector ~~(62)~~ for detecting RF signals or RF signal modulations of the emitted RF signals from said data carrier,
- a processor ~~(63)~~ for processing the detected RF signals or RF signal modulations and for deriving user settings and/or commands embedded therein, and
- a controller ~~(64)~~ for controlling the user device ~~(6, 12)~~ according to read user settings and/or commands.

14. (*Currently Amended*) Passive, via a wireless RF communication programmable and readable data carrier for use in a RF communication system as claimed in claim 1 comprising:

- a memory (~~31~~) for storing user settings and/or commands,
- a receiving means (~~32~~) for receiving RF signals,
- a processing means (~~34~~) for processing said received RF signals to obtain user setting and/or commands embedded therein and/or for embedding stored user settings and/or commands into output RF signals or RF signal modulations of said received RF signals, and
- an output means (~~33~~) for outputting said output RF signals or RF signal modulations.